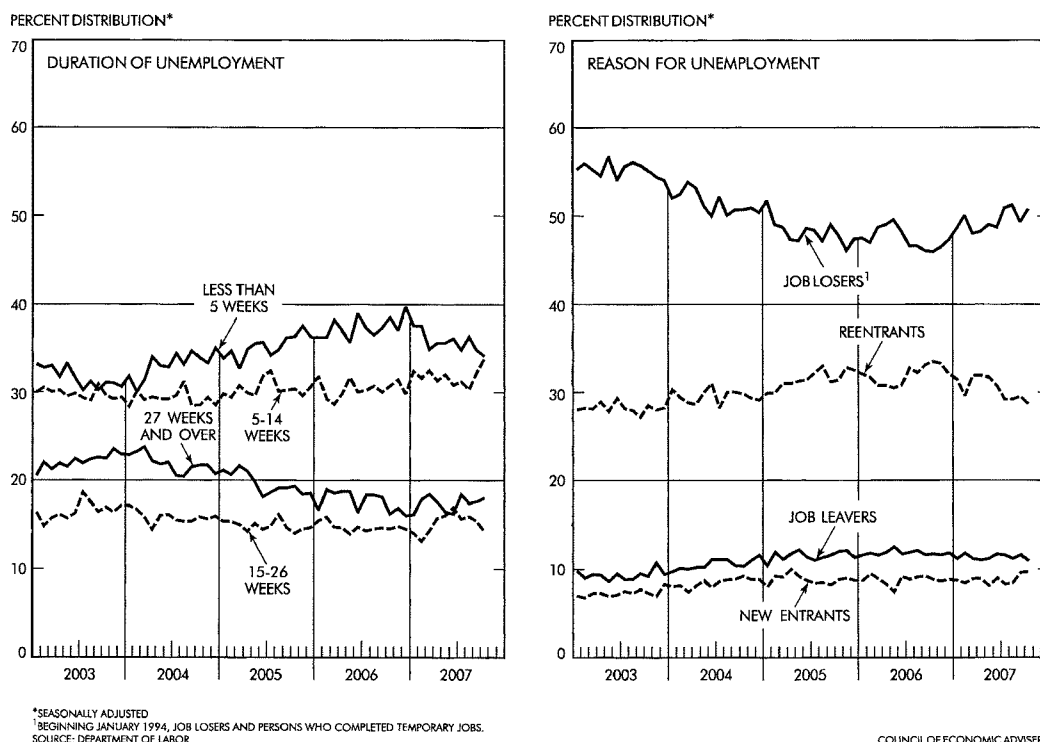


SELECTED MEASURES OF UNEMPLOYMENT AND UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE PROGRAMS

In October, the percentages of the unemployed who had been out of work for less than 5 weeks and 15–26 weeks fell; the percentages for 5–14 weeks and for 27 weeks and over rose. The mean duration of unemployment rose to 17.1 weeks and the median duration fell to 8.7 weeks.



[Monthly data seasonally adjusted, except as noted]

Period	Un-employment (thousands)	Duration of unemployment						Reason for unemployment: percent distribution				State programs		Insured unem- ployment, all regular programs (unadjust- ed) ²
		Percent distribution				Number of weeks		Job los- ers ¹	Job leav- ers	Reen- trants	New en- trants	Insured unem- plov- ment	Initial claims	
		Less than 5 weeks	5-14 weeks	15-26 weeks	27 weeks and over	Average (mean)	Median							
Weekly average, thousands														
1997	6,739	37.7	31.7	14.8	15.8	15.8	8.0	45.1	11.8	34.7	8.4	2,323	323	2,366
1998	6,210	42.2	31.4	12.3	14.1	14.5	6.7	45.5	11.8	34.3	8.4	2,222	321	2,257
1999	5,880	43.7	31.2	12.8	12.3	13.4	6.4	44.6	13.3	34.1	8.0	2,188	298	2,219
2000	5,692	44.9	31.9	11.8	11.4	12.6	5.9	44.2	13.7	34.5	7.6	2,110	301	2,141
2001	6,801	42.0	32.3	14.0	11.8	13.1	6.8	51.1	12.3	29.9	6.8	2,974	404	3,007
2002	8,378	34.5	30.8	16.3	18.3	16.6	9.1	55.0	10.3	28.3	6.4	3,585	407	3,619
2003	8,774	31.7	29.8	16.4	22.1	19.2	10.1	55.1	9.3	28.2	7.3	3,531	404	3,569
2004	8,149	33.1	29.2	15.9	21.8	19.6	9.8	51.5	10.5	29.5	8.4	2,950	345	2,995
2005	7,591	35.1	30.4	14.9	19.6	18.4	8.9	48.3	11.5	31.4	8.8	2,661	328	2,706
2006	7,001	37.3	30.3	14.7	17.6	16.8	8.3	47.4	11.8	32.0	8.8	2,476	313	2,518
2006: Oct	6,715	38.5	30.7	14.5	16.2	16.4	8.0	46.0	11.7	33.5	8.8	2,433	314	2,281
Nov	6,826	37.0	31.4	14.8	16.8	16.3	8.2	46.5	11.6	33.3	8.6	2,458	325	2,218
Dec	6,849	39.7	29.8	14.5	16.0	15.9	7.3	47.3	11.8	32.1	8.8	2,457	320	2,630
2007: Jan	7,017	37.5	32.4	14.0	16.1	16.2	8.1	48.6	11.2	31.5	8.7	2,488	311	3,159
Feb	6,865	37.5	31.6	13.1	17.8	16.4	8.1	50.1	11.8	29.6	8.4	2,553	337	3,101
Mar	6,724	34.9	32.4	14.3	18.4	17.3	8.5	48.0	11.2	31.9	8.9	2,513	317	2,738
Apr	6,801	35.6	31.3	15.7	17.5	17.1	8.7	48.2	11.0	31.9	8.9	2,536	327	2,830
May	6,819	35.6	32.0	16.0	16.4	16.7	8.3	49.0	11.2	31.7	8.1	2,496	306	2,238
June	6,933	36.1	30.8	16.9	16.2	16.8	8.2	48.7	11.7	30.7	9.0	2,527	319	2,279
July	7,121	34.8	31.2	15.6	18.4	17.2	8.9	50.9	11.6	29.2	8.3	2,547	307	2,703
Aug	7,097	36.3	30.3	15.9	17.4	16.9	8.6	51.2	11.2	29.2	8.4	2,578	324	2,269
Sept	7,207	34.8	32.2	15.4	17.6	16.5	9.0	49.3	11.6	29.5	9.6	2,534	313	2,344
Oct	7,245	34.1	33.8	14.2	18.0	17.1	8.7	50.8	10.9	28.6	9.7	P 327

¹ Beginning January 1994, job losers and persons who completed temporary jobs.

² Includes State (50 States, District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, and Virgin Islands), ex-servicemen (UCX), and Federal (UCFE). Also includes Federal and State extended benefit programs. Does not include Railroad (RR) program, Federal supplemental compensation or Emergency Unemployment Compensation programs.

NOTE.—Data relate to persons age 16 years and over (except for insured unemployment and initial claims).

Source: Department of Labor (Bureau of Labor Statistics and Employment and Training Administration).